

# OSWEGO COUNTY

## FARM STATISTICS

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Oswego County is located in north central New York, bordering Lake Ontario. In 1998, there were 111,800 acres in farms 18 percent of the county's total 609,920 acres. There were 730 farms in the county averaging 153 acres per farm. Oswego county ranks 23rd in the state for number of farms and 36th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$31.5 million. Total sales averaged \$51,991 per farm. The leading products sold were: vegetables, dairy products, nursery and greenhouse, cattle & calves, and fruits & berries.

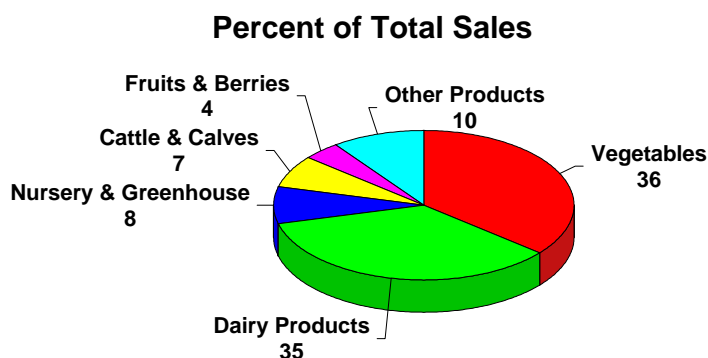
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$185,595. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$52,267 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$21.6 million for an average of \$35,610 per farm. The Census showed 52 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.9 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$18,997.

### LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Vegetables	11,322	36	7
Dairy Products	10,948	35	38
Nursery & Greenhouse	2,582	8	24
Cattle & Calves	2,136	7	41
Fruits & Berries	1,156	4	20
Other Products	3,310	10	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>31,454</b>		<b>38</b>

1997 Census of Agriculture

### LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



### FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	4,426	359,824	5/	5/	60,244	5/
1950	3,339	335,462	153,221	79,559	80,790	21,892
1959	2,030	251,949	119,415	42,441	64,511	25,582
1969	1,000	161,347	87,216	5/	40,515	5/
1978	831	141,349	82,947	9,652	35,552	13,228
1982	826	139,440	81,810	7,234	37,763	12,633
1987	835	126,800	79,100	9,100	27,000	11,600
1992	775	123,500	71,500	9,000	31,600	11,400
1993	785	122,000	70,600	8,600	30,900	11,900
1994	775	117,200	67,700	8,600	29,500	11,400
1995	750	115,200	66,000	8,900	29,100	11,200
1996	740	111,500	64,100	9,100	28,000	10,300
1997	725	110,200	62,300	9,400	27,700	10,800
1998	730	111,800	63,800	9,400	27,600	11,000

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.

3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

### FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	378	335
\$10,000 to \$49,999	135	133
\$50,000 to \$99,999	62	53
\$100,000 or more	84	84
Farms Reporting	659	605
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

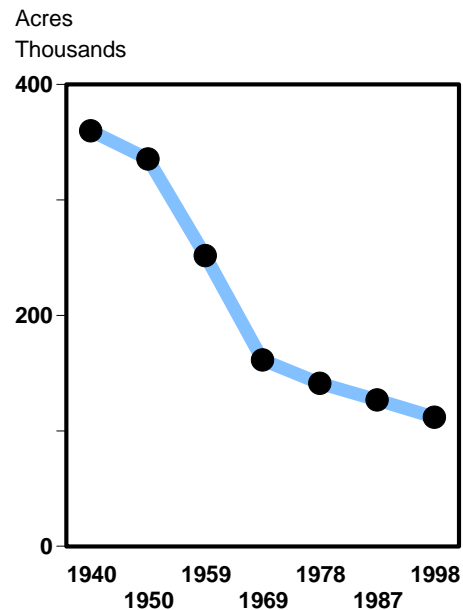
### RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 24th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	71,300	75
1950	77,200	81
1960	86,100	90
1970	100,900	106
1980	113,900	120
1990	121,800	128
1998	124,006	130

U.S. Census of Population

### Land in Farms



**CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1**

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	43,463	1/	1/
1950	39,299	499	22,388
1959	37,315	630	20,291
1969	25,973	1,844	12,573
1978	24,000	2,800	10,500
1982	27,500	2,500	11,000
1987	21,500	1,600	9,900
1992	19,000	1,600	7,000
1993	19,000	1,900	7,000
1994	18,000	2,000	7,000
1995	16,500	1,900	6,000
1996	17,000	1,800	6,000
1997	16,000	1,800	5,500
1998	15,000	1,500	5,500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**MILK: Cows & Production**

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head      Pounds      Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	10,600	11,400	120.8
1982	11,000	12,100	133.1
1987	9,800	14,200	139.2
1992	7,000	15,300	107.1
1993	7,000	15,000	105.0
1994	6,400	15,400	98.6
1995	5,900	16,200	95.6
1996	5,500	16,000	88.0
1997	5,500	16,000	88.0
1998	5,200	16,300	84.8

1/ Not available.

**OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	12,827	32.4	416,055
1950	1/	7,153	18.7	133,629
1959	1/	8,907	43.4	386,741
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	2,600	2,000	58.0	116,000
1982	2,500	1,900	64.0	121,600
1987	1,800	1,000	54.0	54,000
1992	1,200	1,100	53.0	58,300
1993	1,200	900	62.0	55,800
1994	1,100	900	55.0	49,500
1995	800	600	55.0	32,700
1996	900	700	51.0	35,400
1997	1,000	900	64.0	57,600
1998	1,300	1,100	67.0	73,700

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	1,110	24.7	27,402
1950	1/	3,701	22.9	84,895
1959	1/	909	22.4	20,368
1969	600	500	39.0	19,500
1978	200	200	33.0	6,600
1982	600	500	39.0	19,500
1987	300	200	44.0	8,800
1992	1/	1/	1/	1/
1993	1/	1/	1/	1/
1994	1/	1/	1/	1/
1995	1/	1/	1/	1/
1996	400	400	42.0	16,800
1997	300	300	53.0	15,900
1998	300	300	52.0	15,600

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,**

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
791	29	\$116,000	36

**CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	18,155	5,261	37.1	195,157	1/	1/	1/
1950	14,331	3,066	48.8	149,610	10,481	8.3	86,963
1959	10,660	2,917	51.9	151,363	7,627	9.5	72,276
1969	8,200	1,500	86.0	129,000	1/	1/	1/
1978	12,400	3,700	83.0	307,100	8,500	13.5	114,750
1982	19,000	9,800	87.5	857,500	8,800	14.2	124,600
1987	16,000	8,100	102.0	826,200	7,600	14.0	106,100
1992	13,800	4,800	71.0	340,800	8,400	12.7	106,700
1993	11,000	4,500	111.0	499,500	6,400	13.9	88,700
1994	11,100	4,700	107.0	503,200	6,400	15.8	100,900
1995	10,700	5,100	103.0	525,100	5,500	13.9	76,400
1996	10,300	5,100	101.0	516,200	5,000	15.4	76,800
1997	10,500	4,900	104.0	509,600	5,500	14.4	79,200
1998	9,700	4,500	105.0	472,500	5,200	15.9	82,600

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1/ Not available

**HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/**

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	1,481	1.9	2,798	68,044	1.4	93,890	69,525	1.4	96,688
1950	1,912	1.5	2,789	55,513	1.2	65,486	57,425	1.2	68,275
1959	9,718	2.6	25,149	33,822	1.9	65,058	43,540	2.1	90,207
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	30,181	2.2	65,945
1978	10,200	2.7	27,500	27,700	2.0	55,400	37,900	2.2	82,900
1982	8,100	2.9	23,500	25,200	2.0	50,400	33,300	2.2	73,900
1987	12,500	2.4	30,500	23,000	1.9	44,200	35,500	2.1	74,700
1992	9,100	2.6	23,400	15,100	2.0	30,100	24,200	2.2	53,500
1993	8,100	2.5	20,000	17,500	1.8	31,200	25,600	2.0	51,200
1994	7,200	3.0	21,300	17,300	2.0	35,200	24,500	2.3	56,500
1995	7,000	2.9	20,300	17,000	1.9	32,500	24,000	2.2	52,800
1996	7,200	3.4	24,400	16,000	2.1	33,600	23,200	2.5	58,000
1997	7,600	2.7	20,200	15,000	2.4	36,700	22,600	2.5	56,900
1998	7,100	2.5	17,800	13,600	2.5	33,600	20,700	2.5	51,400

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available